

MENU SYSTEM REQUIRING
REDUCED USER MANIPULATION OF AN INPUT DEVICE

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A graphical user interface (GUI) for a computer system reduces the amount
5 of manipulation of an input device required in accessing a selected item on a menu. The
GUI displays a selected menu on the display screen on the basis of the number of
consecutive actuations of the input device, such as a mouse button, in a predetermined
time interval, or a duration time of an actuation of the input device, such as holding a
mouse button down for a period of time. Menus in a predetermined sequence of menus
can be selected, or a single menu can be divided into two or more parts which are then
separately selected by consecutive actuations of the input device, or continuous actuation
of the input device for a predetermined period of time.

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